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Protest drums greet inquiry

Disputed probe into missing women now underway • Families seek answers as protesters shun proceedings

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▶ Protesters rally outside the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry yesterday during the first day of hearings into the Robert Pickton police investigations.

To the constant beat of drums and protesting eight storeys below, the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry got underway in Vancouver yesterday.

Commissioner Wally Oppal stressed that his inquiry will endeavour to find out how serial killer Robert Pickton was allowed to prey on the vulnerable women of the Downtown Eastside for as long as he did and, from the outset, zero in on potential police failures and prejudices.

Despite critics claiming the inquiry is a sham because of the government's refusal to provide funding so community groups could be represented by lawyers, Oppal said missing and murdered women are part of a global epidemic and it's one he will take seriously.

Whatever the faults of the inquiry, the families of Robert Pickton's victims were glad it was finally under way.

"The families fought hard for this inquiry. We've been waiting for this day a long time," said Ernie Crey, brother of victim Dawn Crey. "This inquiry is focusing on police and what was done, and what wasn't done. That's the inquiry we have now. At the end of the day, we need to see improvements to how policing is done in British Columbia."

The families attending seemed equally upset and understanding that so many groups withdrew from the inquiry and weren't on hand to support them.

"It would have helped the process had they been included," said lawyer Cameron Ward, representing the families of 18 victims. "But I hope and am confident that if we all work hard, we can still make this commission an effective vehicle for getting answers to the questions that the family members have, and at getting to the truth of what happened in respect to these police investigations."

Outside the courtroom, more than 150 people gathered to rally against the inquiry.

Their chants and drumming from the street were heard clearly in the courtroom as proceedings began.

"We're rallying because we are very unhappy with the way this inquiry has been set up. The way it's designed is flawed," said Corinthia Kelly, whose Feb. 14 Women's Memorial March Committee was one of 18 organizations that boycotted the inquiry. "There is no safety and opportunity for people with valuable information on what happened in the DTES to come forward."

Inquiry counsel Art Vertlieb laid out the evidence Oppal is expected to hear — including police discrimination against the marginalized women, internal power struggles, senior officers' refusal to accept women were being murdered, and a breakdown in communications between Vancouver police and RCMP.

At the end of the hearings, Oppal will be instructed to draft a report and make recommendations to ensure future police investigations do not repeat the same mistakes.

He may also make findings of misconduct by any of the officers or departments.

The inquiry continues.

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Coldest winter prediction gets a chilly reception

U.S.-based company forecasting La Nina phenomenon will bring in more cold snaps to B.C. this winter

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Pennsylvania-based forecasting company AccuWeather.com made a chilling prediction Monday that Vancouver and Victoria is in for one of the coldest winters in 20 years. But Environment Canada is saying there's no guarantee what winter is going to be like.

AccuWeather's senior meteorologist Brett Anderson said in his forecast for the country that a good chunk of Western Canada will experience a cold winter and Edmonton will likely be in the deep freeze for a fifth year.

But Environment Canada's David Jones said "there's just no way" that anyone can make a prediction about where this upcoming winter compares to others.

"I don't know what that prediction's based on," Jones said. "I don't know enough about that particular forecast to comment except to say, 'Wow, that seems to be sticking your neck out a bit.'

"There's not really much we can tell you about what winter's going to be like in Vancouver," added Jones, revealing only that this winter might lean towards a drier-than-average one. "All we can tell you is that this year, given La Nina, it's likely that the 90-day average temperature for December (to) February will be below normal."

"I think we're going to be dealing with several Arctic air masses coming straight through B.C., even getting down into the Vancouver area."
BRETT ANDERSON, ON HIS ACCUWEATHER BLOG

Anderson said the West will see temperatures up to five degrees lower than normal, adding several arctic air masses will be coming straight down to B.C. and into the Vancouver area.

He added the air mass combined with Vancouver's traditionally wet weather could result in a drier-than-normal winter.

"I'm pretty confident that everything I've looked at suggests that's the direction we're going to be dealing (with) much of this winter," Anderson said in his website blog forecast.

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▶ The Percy Williams statue outside BC Place is partially covered after a rare snowfall in December 2008.

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Domestic violence has a price tag: Study

Women who leave their abusive partners rack up $13,162 each in health, social service-related costs per year

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Abusive relationships cost taxpayers and charities $6.9 billion a year to care for Canadian women long after they leave their partners, according to a new University of B.C. study.

The study, published in a recent issue of Canadian Public Policy, identifies the economic costs for services used by women who have ended relationships involving "intimate partner violence."

The research also found the annual bill from accessing health, legal and social services by the abused women comes to $13,162 per woman, which includes visits to the doctor, legal aid and child protection workers as well as private, third-party costs such as food-bank use and counselling.

"There is a sort of notion that if women leave their partners, then things are made much better," said nursing professor and lead researcher Colleen Varcoe. "But in fact, what we've been finding is that the women are actually still suffering the consequences many years after they've left their partners."

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American vehicles get tires slashed

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The friendly neighbours to the north?

Some Americans have been forced to reconsider their notion of Canadians after a fishing trip turned sour over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Chilliwack RCMP say that eight vehicles — all with American licence plates — had their tires slashed in the area of Keith Wilson Road and Boundary Road during the three-day weekend.

Police say the victims, largely from Washington state, were fishing in Chilliwack when their cars were vandalized.

"Canadians are known around the world for our kindness and hospitality," said Const. Tracy Wolbeck in a press release.

"The victims in this case very likely left our country with a very different opinion."

RCMP are currently investigating the incidents and say most of the slashings happened in broad daylight.

The area has heavy foot traffic, so police hope a witness comes forward.

FACEBOOK

▶ Jamie Kehoe

Second vigil held for Good Samaritan

A second candlelight vigil was held for Jamie Kehoe last night, as police continue to investigate the 18-year-old's senseless death.

Kehoe died from stab wounds he suffered while trying to break up an altercation at a Surrey bus stop Oct. 8.

The incident has rocked Kehoe's family and community, but police continue to provide few details on the incident.

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News in brief

Senior dead after dispute

INCIDENT. The RCMP in Chilliwack are investigating the death of an 83-year-old man after what police are calling a "neighbourhood dispute." The Mounties say the incident occurred Sunday morning. THE CANADIAN PRESS

B.C. advised to cut spending

BUDGET. Cut spending and trim taxes — that's the advice of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation to the B.C. government as it prepares its next budget. Federation B.C. director Jordan Bateman says B.C. is drowning in a sea of red ink but smart spending cuts can get the province back on track. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Aiyanas Ormond of VANDU protests the federal omnibus crime bill yesterday outside the Vancouver Public Library.

Stop crime bill: VANDU

Drug-user group says Bill C-10 blurs definition of user and dealer and imposes unfair penalties

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With chants of "Education not incarceration," members of the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users gathered outside the Vancouver Public Library yesterday to denounce the Conservative government's omnibus crime bill.

Bill C-10, formally known as the Safe Streets and Communities Act, raises penalties for serious drug offences and doubles the maximum prison sentence for drug manufacturers.

"Addiction is not a criminal issue, it is a social issue," said VANDU president Hugh Lampkin, who suggested money would be better spent on preventing drug use instead of filling jails.

"We need to look at the social determinants of why people use and self-medicate," he said.

The bill also proposes longer maximum penalties for offences involving date-rape drugs and amphetamines, which Lampkin says will target young people and not major drug traffickers.

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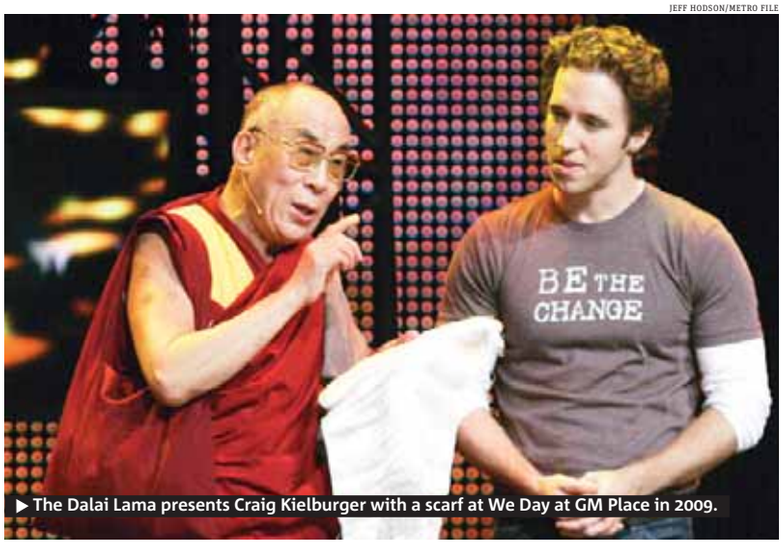

▶ The Dalai Lama presents Craig Kielburger with a scarf at We Day at GM Place in 2009.

Philanthropy not bound by age

Kielburger wants We Day values of compassion and charity to be part of Canadian identity

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Craig Kielburger, co-founder of Free the Children, one of the largest charities for young philanthropists, was 12 when he began his career in charity.

After hearing a courageous story of a young Pakistani boy who was shot for speaking out for child rights after being forced into a life as a bonded labourer, Kielburger rallied his Grade 7 friends in Thornhill, Ont., to begin a movement against child labour.

"We couldn't find a charity that took my classmates and me seriously," said Kielburger, who formed Twelve-Twelve-Year-Olds with a message that children are not powerless to effect change.

Today Kielburger and his brother Marc have expanded that movement into the national program. Free the Children offers students opportunities to improve social issues ranging from bullying to environmental degradation and child soldiers through curriculum, leadership camps and volunteer initiatives overseas.

We Day is the kickoff event to the school program and comes to Vancouver tomorrow as part of its five-city tour that will see more than 62,000 youths attend.

One in six Canadians will attend or view the event on TV or live-streamed online.

"There are certain events that define us as Canadians," said Kielburger. "Just as music or sports, compassion and the willingness to reach out can be a part of what it means to be a Canadian citizen."

SECOND CHANCES

Nardwuar wants to do the twist with Gorbachev

Former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev returns to Vancouver tomorrow and a certain reporter is hoping to get a second interview.

In March 1993, Nardwuar (The Human Serviette), a reporter for UBC's CiTR 101.9 FM, had his first and only encounter with Gorbachev during a news conference at Science World.

Determined to speak, Nardwuar grabbed the microphone and said, in Russian, "Keep on rockin' in the free world," followed by his "oddball" question, which got significant news coverage at the time: "Of all the political figures that (Gorbachev) encountered, who has the largest pants?"

The only response was an amused smile from the former president of the USSR.

"After this incident, other media members would put out warnings at press conferences, having me denied entry," said Nardwuar in a recent interview. He claims that his moment was cut off and incorrectly reported.

With Gorbachev returning to Vancouver to participate in the We Day event at Rogers Arena, Nardwuar would like another crack.

"Looking back, I'd love to get (Gorbachev) to do the hip slip with me — a 1960's twister dance using a wooden rod," said Nardwuar. "I've done it with other political leaders, including Jack Layton."

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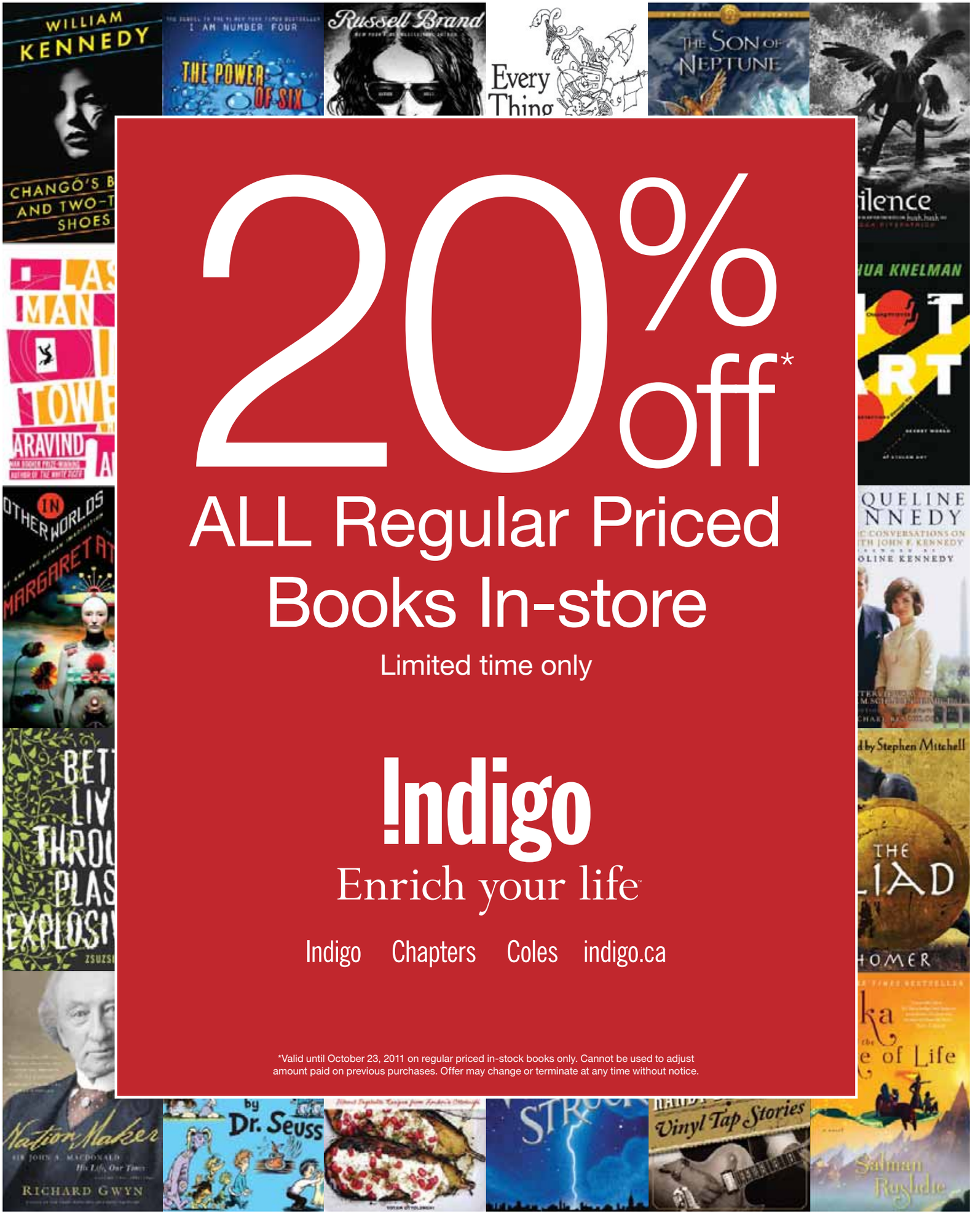

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Canada donates hefty sum to Libya

Foreign Affairs minister pledges $10M to control weapons and build democracy

Moammar Gadhafi's unsecured arsenal of mass-destruction weapons poses a threat to Libya and the world at large, Canada's Foreign Affairs minister said yesterday.

John Baird offered his assessment after touring Gadhafi's notorious Tripoli compound of Bab al-Azizia, now transformed by NATO bombs and rebel forces into a riotous wasteland that celebrates newfound liberty while defiling the deposed dictator's memory.

"This country is armed to the hilt. We want to see a demilitarization to support the new government," Baird said on his second, secretive trip to Libya, this time to the country's capital. "We know there are seven warehouses of weapons of mass destruction, chemical weapons, that Gadhafi showed the world."

Government officials say the money will clean up 23,000 shoulder-fired, anti-aircraft missile launchers still in circulation, and deal with the reality of guns everywhere. Canada's share is part of an international contribution to that effort.

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▶ Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, right, and Canadian Ambassador to Libya Sandra McCardell, left, visit Moammar Gadhafi's former compound in Tripoli yesterday.

News in pictures

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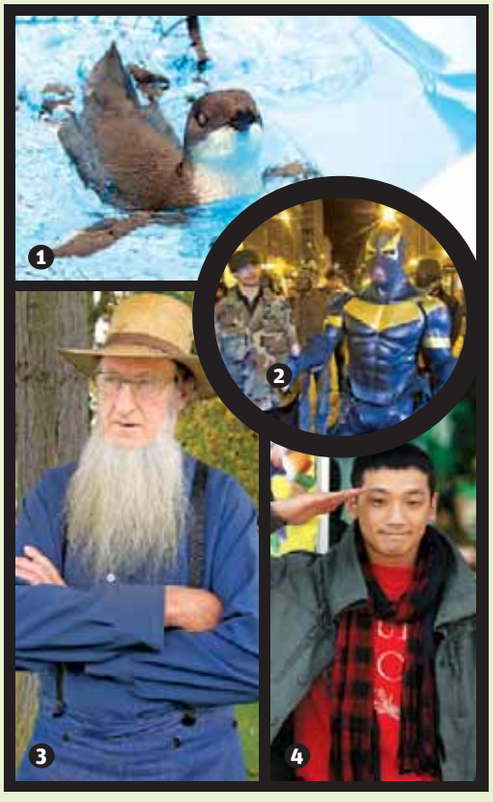

1 An oiled little blue penguin floats in a wildlife facility pool in New Zealand yesterday. Penguins were rescued from sea after an oil leak last Wednesday.

2 Seattle's self-styled superhero Phoenix Jones is back. He had to wear a backup costume when police seized his old one after an arrest on assault charges.

3 Sam Mullet, the leader of a breakaway Amish group in Ohio, said an attack on fellow Amish was due to long-standing resentment between the two groups.

4 South Korean pop singer Rain bids farewell to tearful fans as he puts his career on hold to enter boot camp and begin military service.

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News in brief

Movie zombies take a tumble

TORONTO. Emergency workers faced a scene out of a horror movie yesterday after actors dressed as zombies fell off a platform during a film shoot in Toronto.

At least 16 actors on the set of Resident Evil: Retribution were injured.

The bizarre sight of the zombies made it difficult for emergency workers to assess the injuries, a spokesperson said. "It did kind of catch us off guard," said Sgt. Andrew Gibson.

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Hi, zombies ... here's a Bible

CALGARY. Break out the Bibles, Halloween's coming. That's the message from a Calgary pastor, who aims to turn standard Oct. 31 activities on their head.

Paul Ade, 40, has been doling out Bibles instead of sugary treats since 2002. Now he wants others to follow suit and has made contact with about 3,200 North American churches.

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Zombie arms cache busted

BUDAPEST. Nearly 100 live weapons to be used in Brad Pitt's zombie flick World War Z were confiscated by Hungarian officials, reports said. The cache included machine-guns, rifles and pistols.

Counterterrorism official Janos Hajdu said: "It's possible all the weapons were brought in for the film, but this would not be allowed by Hungarian law. This is a very complicated case."

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Get set for a baby boom: Couples win IVF prizes

Radio station springs a surprise in contest for $35,000 treatments

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Natasha and Ryan Derouchie, pictured yesterday, may soon be hearing the pitter-patter of little feet.

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METRO CANADA IN OTTAWA

For five years, Natasha and Ryan Derouchie have been trying to have a baby.

Now they could be close to making that dream a reality.

Just like four other couples.

The Derouchies were one of five finalist couples in a Win A Baby contest on Ottawa radio station Hot 89.9.

Only one couple could win — until yesterday.

Much to everyone's surprise yesterday morning, radio host Jeff Mauler announced that all five couples had won up to three fertility treatments.

"We're still trying to absorb it because it's really a dream come true."
NATASHA DEROUCHIE

"There was lots of crying. We pretty much sobbed … just holding each other. My phone was going crazy," said Natasha, 30.

Doctors had told Natasha and Ryan the only way they could conceive was through in vitro fertilization (IVF).

The high cost of the procedures held them back, but now they've won the three fertility treatments valued at $35,000.

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▶ Rapper Bun B unites with protesters staging at city hall yesterday in Houston.

Marching for 99%

NYC protesters express concern over 'millionaires' tax' expiration in December Hundreds cry out across U.S.

Hundreds of protesters, emboldened by the growing national outcry against what they see as the greed of Wall Street, streamed past the homes of some of the country's richest residents yesterday in a "Millionaires March."

Members of the Occupy Wall Street movement and other groups walked up the sidewalks of Manhattan's East Side, along world-famous streets lined with swank apartment towers.

Protesters have been camped out for weeks in lower Manhattan's Zuccotti Park saying they're fighting for the "99 per cent," of Americans who do not fall into the wealthiest one per cent of the population.

Several hundred protesters were arrested in New York more than a week ago after police said they ignored warnings not to block traffic on the Brooklyn Bridge.

Their causes range from bringing down Wall Street to fighting global warming. The movement gained traction through social media, and protests have taken place in several other U.S. cities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ukraine's former PM sent to jail

Court found Yulia Tymoshenko guilty of abuse of office Sentenced to 7 years in prison

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▶ Tymoshenko reacts during her trial yesterday

Former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko, a popular opposition leader who once symbolized Western hopes for a democratic Ukraine, was convicted of abuse of office yesterday in a verdict condemned by the U.S. and European Union as politically motivated.

The charismatic politician denounced the court even before the judge finished speaking. She compared it to the 1930s purges and show trials of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin and promised Ukrainians: "I will always be with you."

Tymoshenko's conviction bodes ill for Ukraine's aspirations to shake off Russian influence, integrate more closely into the West, and eventually join the 27-nation European bloc.

The verdict capped a chaotic trial that started in late June and saw scuffles between Tymoshenko's supporters and opponents in court.

The court found Tymoshenko, 50, guilty of abuse of office in the signing of a natural gas import contract with Russia in 2009, saying she lacked an official authorization for the deal and had agreed to a price that was too high for Ukraine's economy.

But, Tymoshenko maintained her innocence, saying that as prime minister she did not need any special permission to order the signing of the deal. She says her actions helped end a bitter pricing dispute between Moscow and Kyiv, which had led to energy supply shortages across Europe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protest. Struggle

▶ Russian police officers detain an opposition protester during an unsanctioned anti-Kremlin rally in Moscow yesterday. About two dozen protesters were detained.

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Opposition group takes the streets

Police rounded up protesters in downtown Moscow yesterday. They were chanting "Elections without opposition is a crime!" — a reference to rules that keep most Kremlin opponents out of December's parliamentary vote.

Sarkozy refrains from baby talk

President Nicolas Sarkozy and Carla Bruni are about to have a baby, but are keeping mum about it as the unpopular president eyes a possible re-election bid.

Sarkozy is the first French leader to divorce — and remarry — while in office. The couple wed in early 2008, months after his divorce. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Air Canada employees hold a rally at Pierre Elliott Trudeau airport in Montreal yesterday after talks over pay and conditions between unions and management broke down. The federal government is considering its options on how to handle a renewed threat of a strike at Canada's largest airline.

Feds buy time sending strike matter to CIRB

Union set to resume talks if key issues addressed
Unclear why two agreements rejected by members

The federal government is moving to prevent a strike Thursday by Air Canada flight attendants by sending the matter to the Canada Industrial Relations Board for review.

Labour Minister Lisa Raitt told CTV News that a reference will be sent to the board today asking it to examine the difficulties in winning ratification of two tentative agreements reached by company and union negotiators.

"While the matter is before the CIRB, there cannot be a work stoppage," Raitt said from Vancouver.

The latest twist in Air Canada's troubled contract negotiations comes after members of the union rejected the latest agreement, which was supported by leaders of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

"Our members are clearly frustrated, and are demanding their sacrifices over the past 10 years be addressed," said Jeff Taylor, president of the Air Canada Component of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

The tentative deal was reached Sept. 20 with the help of a federal mediator appointed by Raitt and the threat of back-to-work legislation.

The reference buys the government time to pass back to work legislation once the House of Commons resumes Monday. Air Canada would operate a partial schedule if a strike occurred. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Campaign action

- Garda Security Group, a private company contracted by the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority, won an injunction Thursday that bars a work slowdown.
- The group suspended 74 screening officers at Pearson International Airport after they staged a work-to-rule campaign yesterday.
- Garda began legal action against the officers and is looking at termination of employment, contempt-of-court proceedings and claims for damages.
- Air Canada and the Greater Toronto Airports Authority reported some delays yesterday morning, but said things were moving fairly well later in the day.

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Wal-Mart gets personal

Just in time for the holidays, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. aims to recreate the feel of a store for its more than 9 million Facebook fans.

The world's largest retailer announced yesterday a partnership with Facebook that offers pages specifically tailored for each of its more than 3,500 locations. Those pages are designed to allow its customers to interact with its local stores as well as get information on new products, events and discount offers. The partnership marks the first of its kind for a merchant and underscores how companies are using Facebook to develop a deeper relationship with its shoppers responding to their demands with the goal of increasing sales.

"This addresses our 'next-generation' customers who are using a lot of social media. A national message is often not as relevant," said Stephen Quinn, executive vice-president of Wal-Mart's U.S. division Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Switch failure for RIM

The maker of the BlackBerry said yesterday the problems that plagued millions of users for a second day were caused by a core switch failure within the company's network. It is now working to clear the backlog.

BlackBerry users in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, India, Brazil, Chile and Argentina were affected. THE CANADIAN PRESS/WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nova Scotia Nominee Program, Economic Stream Refund

If you paid fees to the Economic Stream of the Nova Scotia Nominee Program, **you might be able to get some money back from the Province of Nova Scotia**. Read this to find out more.

What is this about?

A lawsuit was started against the Province of Nova Scotia in 2009. The goal was to get a refund for people who applied for and paid fees into the former Economic Stream of the Nova Scotia Nominee Program. The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia has now certified that lawsuit as a class action. Your legal rights may be affected. The lawyers for both sides have made a deal that would give a refund to eligible people. The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia approved the settlement as fair and reasonable.

Am I included?

You are if you (1) paid money to Nova Scotia under the Economic Stream of the Nova Scotia Nominee Program, (2) landed and obtained permanent resident status in Canada, and (3) did not already get a refund. As long as you told the truth in your application and immigration filings, you should be eligible for a refund.

What does this mean for me?

If you are a Class Member, your legal rights are affected. You will benefit from any settlement, but you must give up your right to sue the Government of Nova Scotia on your own.

How much will I get?

If you were not paid anything under a business mentorship, you will get $63,750 back if your claim is approved ($75,000 less an approved 15% fee of $11,250). If you were paid under a business mentorship, the amount you were paid will be deducted from $75,000. The 15% fee will be taken from the net amount.

Do I have to pay anything out of my own pocket?

No. The lawyers' fees have already been accounted for in the amount set out above. You will not be billed. The Supreme Court approved the lawyers' fee as fair and reasonable

How do I get my money?

You have to fill in a Claim Form. A copy of the Claim Form can be found at *http://www.branchmacmaster.com/nova-scotia-immigration/*. You must mail, fax, or email in the form by **May 4, 2012.**

What if I do not want to take part?

If you do not want to take part, you have to opt out. If you opt out, you will not get any benefit from the settlement. You will have to sue the Government of Nova Scotia on your own if you wish to recover anything. To opt out, go to *http://www.branchmacmaster.com/nova-scotia-immigration/*, download the opt out form, and submit it to the address listed. If you want to opt out, you must do so before **Jan. 5 2012.**

What if too many people opt out?

If more than 50 people opt out, the Province has the right to cancel the settlement. Neither the Province nor the lawyer for the class expect this to occur however.

I have other questions.

For more information, visit *http://www.branchmacmaster.com/nova-scotia-immigration/*. If you still have questions, just contact the lawyer appointed by the court to act for the class, Greg McMullen at Branch MacMaster LLP, at *gmcmullen@branmac.com* or *604-631-2560*.

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WHAT WILL GERMINATE IN YOUR CAPSULE?

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

I'm not sure what bacteriologist Edward Durham was thinking back in 1897 when he put a vial of intestinal bacteria in a time capsule, but whatever it was, he should have thought it over.

Not only do we have to worry about new diseases from birds and barnyard animals, now they're coming at us from 114 years in the past.

Time capsules are designed to be opened in the future, and the future arrived last week when a building at Bellevue Hospital in New York was demolished, exposing a time capsule including the scientist's little gift and a note asking future generations to "let us know how long these spores last."

Well, Ed, we'll get back to you. I might add we're lucky they weren't active and belong to a type of bacteria that has been successfully treated by antibiotics, a post-1897 invention.

"LOL if you must, but what goes into your time capsule? Downloads of Two and A Half Men? DNA from your dog? An Ikea catalogue? The iPod or the iPad? Both?"

Which leads you to wonder: what else is out there buried in a box from the past that could have interesting consequences if opened before Christmas?

Here's just a partial list from time capsules buried in various cornerstones around the world: silk condoms, false teeth, bikini bottoms, Life magazine, a kewpie doll, various grain seeds, messages from Albert Einstein, and even a car. Not toxic, per se, but what are they supposed to make of all that junk in the year 7000 AD?

Still, we continue to bury our civilization's flotsam and jetsam in structures that don't last 50 years, never mind 5,000. Or we shoot them into space, needles in a cosmic haystack. We do it because we hope that someone will be there and if they are, they need to get it right, dammit.

It's a way of bestowing immortality upon ourselves. And certainly, the only way any of these Just Sayin' columns will ever survive is to slip them in a time capsule between the bikinis and false teeth.

LOL if you must, but what goes into your time capsule? Downloads of Two and A Half Men? DNA from your dog? An Ikea catalogue? The iPod or the iPad? Both?

Let's say this stuff actually survives 5,000 years and is dug up. Will our descendants be able to decode our little blasts from the past? The origin and meaning of an 8-track could be as obscure as a cave painting.

Anthropologists, when they don't have a clue, always play the religious ritual card.

So in 7011, when they open up the Charlie Sheen Violent Torpedo of Truth Tour Video, it's possible a new religion will be born.

That's if God still has a sense of humour at that point.

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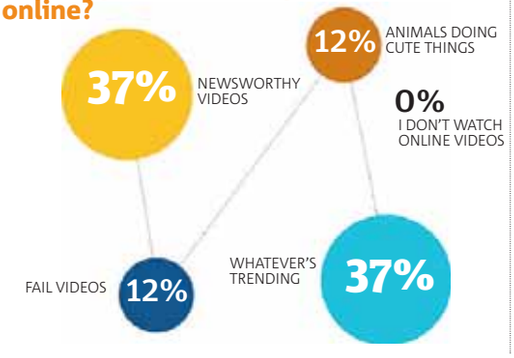

Local tweets

- **@postcap:** #mwci Inquiry protest has taken the granville & georgia intersection in opposition to police inaction and indifference to murdered women
- **@NeilChantler:** Oppal: "this Commission is about the safety and security of women, particularly vulnerable women" #MWCI
- **@firecatkitty:** Sending strength & solidarity to partners & sisters in B.C. as the protest the silencing of sex workers at the #MWCI #injustice
- **@emilyreports:** Protest is getting louder in the courtroom. Sounds like they have a megaphone or something now. #Vancouver #mwci
- **@AngieSterit:** Black Coffin w the words "No justice" stands in the center of protesters jamming traffic @ Georgia & Granville #AFN #UBCIC protesting #MWCI.
- **@Dave_Eby:** Grand Chief Stewart Phillip of @UBCIC calls for resignation of #mwci Commissioner Oppal.
- **@check_your_head:** Women missing from the DTES, women missing from this inquiry. #mwci

Letters

RE: Jessica Napier's column published Oct. 11, What's in a maiden name?

Although I think the article was well written and thought provoking, I was surprised that, for a woman who writes from an informed and feminist perspective, she used references such as "Mr. and Mrs. His First and Last Name" and "Taking your husband's name." The article was written with gender assumptions and from a heterosexist perspective which made a good article disappointing in the end.

CHARLENE CREWS, TORONTO

RE: Air Canada attendants reject second deal, published Oct. 10 on metronews.ca

It deeply saddens and worries me to see the Harper government acting like a dictator in its excessive interferences in the labour disputes.

As the strike by flight attendants is looming, the government is threatening to come out with its stick and use it to force the employees back to work as if we live in a communist or fascist country.

ABUBAKAR N. KASIM, TORONTO

Afghan. Life

▶ Afghan children enjoy a swing ride set up in a cemetery outside Sakhi shrine in Kabul, Afghanistan yesterday.

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Photo of the day

WEIRD NEWS

Who nose?

Simply blowing your nose could now produce energy-making results as scientists have discovered a way of converting human breathing into electricity.

Professor Xudong Wang and his team have made a tiny device that generates a small amount of electricity when a low-speed airflow such as human respiration passes over it.

The engineers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison used a special plastic named polyvinylidene fluoride that can produce an electrical charge in response to a mechanical stress, a phenomenon known as the 'piezoelectric effect.' This plastic was small enough to be put inside a human nose.

"We calculated that if we could make this material thin enough, small vibrations could produce a microwatt of electrical energy that could be useful for sensors or other devices implanted in the face," Wang says. The engineer added that airflow from a human breath travels at less than two metres per second.

One microwatt of energy may sound minuscule but it is enough to power biomedical devices such a heart pacemaker or a diabetic's glucose monitor.

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The recycling of Hollywood horror

Tinseltown loves to redo films **It seems the horror remake factory is working overtime**

HANDOUT

▶ The Thing, opening this weekend, is one example of a horror remake.

RICHARD CROUSE
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Hollywood is so into recycling you'd think Al Gore was running a studio and green lighting movies. This year alone we've seen reimaginings, reboots and redos galore, from Straw Dogs and Footloose to Conan the Barbarian and The Mechanic.

It seems Tinseltown never met an idea it couldn't endlessly recycle.

This is particularly true in the horror genre. In the last 12 months, Colin Farrell clipped on Chris Sarandon's used fangs in a remake of Fright Night, and this weekend, The Thing is, according to IMDB, "a prequel to a remake of an adaptation of the novella Who Goes There?" Whatever it is, original it's not.

Not that all original horror films are better than their remakes. David Cronenberg's dark vision enhanced the story of The Fly, delivering the real scares that the campy 1958 version lacked, and 1978's Invasion of the Body Snatchers is far creepier than its cinematic predecessor.

The Blob, the tale of what happens when germ warfare goes awry, has been made a couple of times.

The original is an unintentionally funny flick with more giggles than gore, but it inspired a sequel, a remake and, if the rumours are true, a bloody revamp by horror maestro Rob Zombie.

I have a soft spot for the low-budget charm of the 1958 version, although the 1988 reboot has a smarter-than-it-needs-to-be script co-written by Frank Darabont and a cool tagline — "Scream now! while you can still breathe!"

Count Dracula is one of the most portrayed characters on the big screen, having appeared in more horror films than any other famous monster of filmland. Eighty years after he first portrayed the vampire in the 1931 film Dracula, Bela Lugosi is still the most famous blood sucker of them all, although for my money, two British actors — Gary Oldham in Bram Stoker's Dracula and Christopher Lee in Horror of Dracula — are tip-top Transylvanians.

Unlike his work in Scream, Wes Craven's early films didn't have any of the self-depreciating humour to go along with the scares.

His first movies were brutal, bloody and grim, usually all at once. Recent remakes of The Last House on the Left — rated R for "sadistic violence" — and The Hills Have Eyes — "The lucky ones die first!"— don't have quite the impact of the Vietnam era originals, but still require a strong stomach.

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Scene in brief

It's another honour for Taylor Swift. The country music superstar has been crowned Woman of the Year by Billboard magazine.
The 21-year-old multi-platinum singer-songwriter is the youngest to receive the award. The announcement was made Tuesday. She will be honoured at the 2011 Billboard Women in Music event in New York on Dec. 2.
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Why children of the '80s are so appalled by the prospect of a Footloose remake.

Rihanna happy for her ex

Two years ago, Chris Brown pleaded guilty to assault on then-girlfriend Rihanna Now the 'Sexiest Woman Alive' says she wishes him all the best

Rihanna says she resented Chris Brown for a time, but has put that behind her and is happy that her former boyfriend has found success in music again.

Rihanna tells Esquire magazine that disliking Brown "was taking up too much of my time" and that she has moved on from that.

"It was too much anger," the 23-year-old said.

"I'm really excited to see the breakthrough he's had in his career."

Brown, 21, is serving five years of probation after pleading guilty to felony assault for the attack on Rihanna in the early morning hours before the 2009 Grammys.

Graffiti, the album he released 10 months after the attack, was a commercial disappointment.

But his latest release, F.A.M.E. (Forgiving All My Enemies), debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 albums chart in March; it reached gold status and has multiple pop and R&B hits with songs like Look at Me Now and Deuces, among other tracks.

"It's incredible to see how he pulled out the way he did. Even when the world seemed like it was against him, you know?" Rihanna said.

"I really like the music he's putting out. I'm a fan of his stuff. I've always been a fan."

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▶ Rihanna on the cover of Esquire's November issue

Rihanna has done well musically, too: Her albums following the attack — Rated R and Loud — have both gone platinum, and she's releasing a new album, Talk That Talk, next month.

Whole package

Esquire named Rihanna its Sexiest Woman Alive for 2011.

The November issue of the magazine hits newsstands on Oct. 16.

Her latest single, We Found Love, is her 20th song to hit the Top 10 on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart since she debuted in 2005.

Overall, she says she wants to see Brown do well.

"I would never wish anything horrible for him. Never. I never have," she said.

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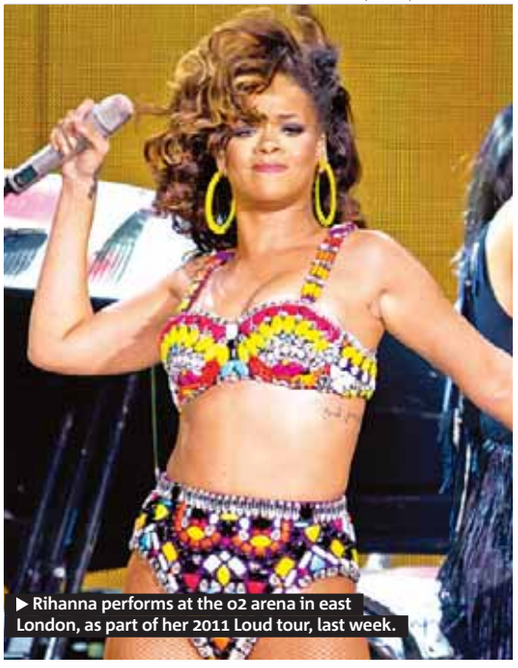

▶ Rihanna performs at the o2 arena in east London, as part of her 2011 Loud tour, last week.

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Demi and Ashton play happy family

Couple hits the woods with their Kabbalah teacher Rumours still swirling about their relationship

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▶ Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore

Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore spent the Yom Kippur holiday getting away from it all, camping near Santa Barbara, Calif. with their Kabbalah instructor in tow, according to Hollyscoop.

The couple didn't seem at all pleased when spotted by other campers, though.

"Demi was screaming 'Please don't take photos of me or my family. Please don't expose this,'" a source says.

"Once she knew she had been photographed, she whistled at Ashton and gestured for him to hurry into the tent. It was obvious that Demi was showing the strain about the state of her marriage." METRO

Clooney, gal laze in Cabo

George Clooney and Stacy Keibler are enjoying autumn by avoiding it all together.

The new couple jetted off to Cabo San Lucas over the weekend, with Keibler posting a photo on Twitter of a palm tree-lined, beachside swimming pool with the comment, "Chasing the last days of summer." METRO

It's destiny's child: Beyoncé

▶ Beyoncé

Beyoncé, whose first child is due in February, says she intentionally waited before getting pregnant for the first time.

"It was important to me that I gave myself time to focus on becoming the woman I want to be, building my empire, my relationship, and my self-worth, before I became a mother," she tells Harper's Bazaar.

"Now God has blessed us with the ultimate."

Also carefully planned? The announcement about her pregnancy, made at the MTV Video Music Awards.

"I put a lot of thought into how I wanted to unveil it. It was important to me that I was able to do it myself," she says. "I decided to say nothing and proudly show my baby bump. I felt it was more powerful to see the love and enthusiasm as opposed to saying anything." METRO

Bump gossip

Jess to go public

ON A POTENTIAL MINI SIMPSON. After months of speculation, Jessica Simpson is reportedly gearing up to announce her pregnancy, a source close to Simpson's fiancé, Eric Johnson, tells Radar Online. "It's still early in the pregnancy, and Jessica has decided to wait before sharing her happiness with her fans," the source says. "But she has begun telling family and friends the exciting news." Simpson is expected to go public with the news as an exclusive for a magazine, the website claims. METRO

Duff's stuff

HILARY'S AN INCUBATOR. Hilary Duff admits that pregnancy is proving to be a strange experience. "It's literally like an alien has taken over your body. One day I'll have a good day, and one day I'll have a bad day, and it kind of goes like that," Duff tells MTV News. Good day or bad, Duff has her suspicions about the baby's gender. "Everyone else says it's a girl, but I think it's a boy. I'd be happy with a girl. I don't care what I get, but every time I think about it or dream about it, I see a boy," she says. METRO

Celebrity tweets

@JimCarrey
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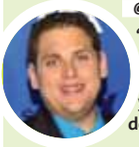
@JonahHill
"Every urinal has no-flush technology if you just don't care."

@rosemcgowan
"In London! Yippee"

@Joan_Rivers
"I asked my grandson, Cooper, if he knew where babies came from. Very smart! He said, 'Of course...Brad and Angelina's house.'"

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Travel in brief

The South will rise again — at least on the New York City restaurant scene. According to the 2012 Zagat guide to city dining, Southern food tops this year's trends, thanks to newcomers like Marcus Samuelsson's celebrity magnet Red Rooster and The Cardinal, an East Village eatery dishing up okra, smothered pork chops and fried green tomatoes. Other trends include on-site gardens.
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Popular Sequoia National Forest trail in California park closed after two giant trees fall.

Sham'rock and roll

Matt Kelly is the drummer of the Dropkick Murphys, Boston's famous Irish-American punk rock band He shares his favourite spots for sports and soaking up Boston's Gaelic heritage

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I grew up 65 kilometres from here, so this is my capital city. My family all lives in the area — we're all New Englanders.

Where I live has a neighbourhood feel; you're in the city but you know your neighbours and the kids all play hockey in the street. I've been to a lot more U.S. cities that are a lot more sterile, and this town has more of an old-world feel.

There's a lot of history here. I like the people. It's a walking city so you can walk from place to place; it's not sprawled out. I've been everywhere in the world and I love coming back. It's a unique place in the U.S. and in the world.

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▶ Boston is known for its strong Gaelic tradition.

First time?

There are tours you can take, from walking tours like the Freedom Trail as well as the Duck Tours that take you round the city then into the Charles River (bostonducktours.com). We have the USS Constitution, a ship that was used in the Civil War (ussconstitutionmuseum.org) near the monument where the battle of Bunker Hill was fought. There's the Institute of Contemporary Art down by the waterfront (icaboston.org) and a wealth of great restaurants and bars and theatre in the south end and downtown.

The Faneuil Hall area is nice, especially if you're coming in the fall or winter. They really dress it up for Christmas.

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▶ USS Constitution

Sports!

Take a tour of Fenway Park, our baseball stadium, which I believe is the oldest in the country (boston.redsox.mlb.com).

Ken, our bass player, is involved with a place called McGreevy's. McGreevy was a fellow who owned the original sports bar down in the Fens around the turn of the last century and they resurrected that bar and it has a lot of decorations from the original bar — it's almost like a Red Sox and baseball museum with photos, trophies and banners. You can also get a good pint of Guinness and fantastic chicken wings (mcgreevysboston.com).

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▶ McGreevy's has fantastic chicken wings.

Stay

When our guys come to town they stay at Hotel Commonwealth.

It's on top of a spot where the Rathskeller Club used to be, which was where the Ramones played their first show in Boston.

So I have a little vendetta against them, only for that though, because I wish that we had the Rathskeller Club. Apparently the hotel treats the guys right. See the website at hotelcommon-wealth.com.

Live music

There's great independent clubs here, like the Middle East café (mideastclub.com), O'Brien's (obrienspubboston.com), and The House of Blues, with live music every day of the week (houseofblues.com). Great Scott is one of my favourites. There's a lack of mid-sized clubs and it holds about 250, so it's great for bands that are just breaking out of the bar scene. Every night of the week you can find live music (greatscottboston.com).

▶ House of Blues

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MEXICO'S COLONIAL CITY ON THE BEACH

Mazatlan stands out among tourist destinations as one that provides sun, surf, history and culture. Mazatlan's privileged location- on the Pacific Coast at the foot of the Sierra Madre mountains- has attracted tourists for decades. As a gateway to the sea and Mexico, the city has attracted visitors for centuries. Today, Mazatlan offers an array of experiences for all ages.

Mexico's colonial city on the beach offers a wide range of outdoor activities. Recognized worldwide as a first-class fishing destination, Mazatlan hooks anglers in pursuit of big game like sailfish, marlin and tuna that teem in the waters just offshore. Golfers play at world-class courses, including El Cid Golf & Country Club's Lee Trevino championship course; Estrella Del Mar, a Robert Trent Jones design, and the new Marina Mazatlan Golf Course designed by David Fleming. Other outdoor excursions include kayaking, sailing and zip-lining.

Culture and history lovers explore the streets of the old town. The neoclassical Angela Peralta Theater hosts performances by internationally acclaimed artists. Outside, restaurants at Plaza Machado buzz with patrons and live music. After exploring the city, visitors can tour nearby picturesque Colonial towns. Copala, El Quelite and La Noria are three of the most popular communities. Savor regional cuisine; explore 17th-century artwork and historic sites dating back to the 1500s.

"Mazatlan's rich culture and unrivalled hospitality sets our city apart from other destinations," says Carlos Berdegue, vice president, Mazatlan Hotel Association and Tourism Trust. "Visitors here enjoy beautiful weather and Pacific Coast sunsets alongside a lively historic center, renowned cuisine and premier resorts. There's also top-ranked spas, championship golf and year-round events. We are committed to showcasing the many sides of Mazatlan." Contact your travel agent to book your Mazatlan holiday.

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Drink of the week

The Canadian Mint

As an evening with friends and family winds down, there is nothing more relaxing than a holiday nightcap. This hot toddy with a Canadian twist will warm your soul and lift your spirits.

- 10 loose mint leaves, plus extra for garnish
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) simple syrup (recipe follows)
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) Canadian whisky
- 90 ml (3 oz) hot water

Place mint in heat-proof glass. Add syrup and muddle gently. Add whisky and top with boiling water. Stir and serve with mint sprig.

To make simple syrup: Bring equal parts sugar and water to a boil. Stir to dissolve and then let cool.

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TV's Stefano Faita keeps it simple in the kitchen

The host of In the Kitchen With Stefano Faita shares his recipes for Creamy Mixed Mushroom Lasagna and Grandma's Apple Cake Puts emphasis on easy and fresh eats

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This recipe makes eight to 12 servings.

Creamy Mixed Mushroom Lasagna

This lasagna, made with creamy bechamel sauce, is indulgent. "I love all kinds of mushrooms, so it's a nice lasagna with all the mushrooms and bechamel and cheese. It's pretty simple but really delicious," says Stefano Faita, host of CBC-TV's weekday afternoon show In The Kitchen with Stefano Faita.

He adds that it's a great entrée to serve to friends at a dinner party.

Preparation:

1. In saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add flour and stir to combine to make a roux. Continue to cook and stir, 2 to 3 minutes. Gradually whisk in milk, making sure to incorporate the roux into milk. Continue to whisk mixture and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, whisking frequently, until sauce is thickened, about 10 minutes.
2. In bowl, soak dried mushrooms in warm water for 20 mins. Drain. Chop and set aside.
3. Heat 2 large skillets over medium heat. Add 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil and 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter to each pan. Divide onion and garlic between 2 pans. Cook until they begin to soften, 2 to 3 minutes.
4. Increase heat to medium high and divide fresh mushrooms and chopped herbs between the 2 pans. Sauté mushrooms until golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes. Add chopped dried mushrooms and continue to cook for 2 minutes. Deglaze pans with white wine and cook until most of the wine has evaporated.
5. Heat oven to 190 C (375 F). Then in a large saucepan of boiling salted water, cook sheets of lasagna in batches, 3 to 4 sheets at a time, until al dente. Immediately plunge them into cold water to stop the cooking process and transfer to a clean towel in a single layer to drain.
6. Butter 20-by-30-cm (8-by-12-inch) baking dish.
7. To assemble lasagna: Add a few tablespoons of bechamel to lightly cover bottom of baking dish. Add, in layers, 2 lasagna sheets, about a quarter of the mushroom mixture, a quarter of the remaining bechamel sauce, 30 ml (2 tbsp) grated Asiago and 30 ml (2 tbsp) grated Parmesan cheese. Repeat 4 times, adding cheese every other layer. For the top layer, finish with just grated cheese, about 125 ml (1/2 cup) of Asiago and 125 ml (1/2 cup) of Parmesan cheese. Add more cheese if you like.
8. Bake the lasagna until filling is hot and bubbling and cheese is golden brown, 30 to 35 minutes. Let lasagna rest 10 minutes before cutting. Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

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Ingredients:

Bechamel Sauce

- 75 ml (1/3 cup) butter
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) plus 15 ml (1 tbsp) flour
- 1.25 l (5 cups) milk
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Lasagna

- 60 g (2 oz) dried porcini mushrooms
- Extra virgin olive oil
- Butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 kg (2 lb) fresh mixed mushrooms, such as cremini, shiitake and oyster
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh rosemary
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) each chopped thyme and sage
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) plus 15 ml (1 tbsp) white wine
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 10 fresh lasagna sheets
- 250 ml (1 cup) each grated Parmesan and Asiago cheese
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh parsley

Grandma's Apple Cake Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Grease round cake pan with butter; dust with breadcrumbs to coat bottom and sides.
2. In bowl, combine flour, cinnamon and baking powder. Set aside. In a mixing bowl, beat sugar and butter until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time and continue to beat until incorporated. Add yogurt, lemon zest and orange juice. Beat until smooth.
3. Stir flour mix into wet mix a little at a time until batter is smooth. Gently fold in apples, raisins and almonds.
4. Scrape cake batter into prepared pan. Bake until cake springs back when touched and cake tester comes out clean, 40 to 45 minutes.
5. Serve withn dusting of icing sugar.

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Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) breadcrumbs
- 500 ml (2 cups) flour
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) cinnamon
- 5 ml (1 tsp) baking powder
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) brown sugar
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) butter
- 2 eggs (extra large)
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) plain yogurt
- Zest of 1/2 lemon
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) orange juice
- 2 apples (peeled, diced)
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) raisins
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) almonds

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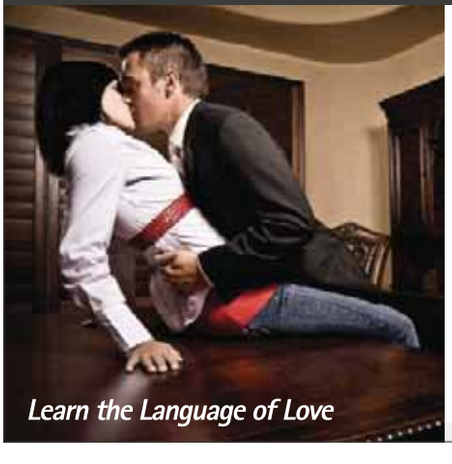

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Whether you're just looking for some extra cash or trying to make ends meet with tuition, the college job is vital to survival for many students. While there are many part-time options, some can prove to be more lucrative than others — you just need to know where to look. Here are five of the most well-paying jobs to have while you're in school, plus what you could earn, according to Indeed.com.

Restaurant Server/Bartender
Whether you're waiting tables at the classiest joint in town or slinging drinks at everybody's favourite dive bar, the cash potential is endless. If you're good at your job and know how to up-sell, you could be raking in hundreds of dollars per night. Sometimes, the best way to land one of these jobs is by being a regular first. (The friendly, chatty kind of regular, not the intoxicated, mouthy regular who gets thrown out.)

Personal Trainer
You get to make your own hours, plus your time at work doubles as your work out. You'll have to shell out some cash to get your certification, but you could be making upwards of $20 an hour! Not bad for a part-time job. Once you get certified, market yourself through Facebook and Twitter, and never underestimate the power of a business card.

Administrative Assistant
For this job, you can venture to businesses both on-campus or off-campus. On-campus offices are probably more apt to hiring students and off-campus businesses can appreciate the savvy web and organizational skills of the modern college student. If you have mostly evening classes, personal assisting could be the perfect job for you, but it is certainly a time commitment. Most employers prefer an assistant they can rely on each business day. You might rake in as much as $15,000 a year. A polished resumé and an in-person visit is the best way to land one of these jobs.

Web Designer
Today's college students are more tech-savvy than any previous generation. Take advantage of the skills you have because employers are desperately searching for qualified people. If you have already designed a site, market it through social networking. Post an ad for your services on job sites and Craigslist. Drop into small businesses and speak with them about how a website might be able to boost revenue. You might have to negotiate a cheaper fee for your first few jobs, until you have some really impressive results to showcase to future clients. There are many different types of web designers, but you could make about $20,000 a year through consistent part-time work.

Hotel Clerk or Manager
This type of job will look great on a resumé and even give you a head start on your career if you plan to go into any type of management or hospitality gig. To get this job, show up looking sharp with a big smile and a professional resumé highlighting anything you've done that deals with people or service. The hourly wage will vary from place to place, but you could be making as much as $15,000 per year if you work 20 hours per week. Plus, people who work at front desks get to network with all kinds interesting guests. Who knows — your next big break could be just a check-in away!

THE CURIOUS CASE OF THE MISSING EMPLOYEE

Recent trial shows that making premature assumptions about a worker's whereabouts can be costly

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▶ Is that desk still empty? The worker in question may not be coming back, but employers must be absolutely sure of this before proceeding with a dismissal.

He is the human resources department's biggest nightmare and he works at just about every large company across the country. He is the sick employee that may never return to his job. And his workplace legacy just got a lot larger.

Paul Pereira earned a position as a senior employee. But he had a problem that ultimately cost him that job.

Pereira, the general manager at a Staples Business Depot in Nanaimo, B.C., suffered from depression and a drug addiction. After stints on the company's disability insurance plans, Pereira entered a treatment facility for his addiction hoping to return to work once he finished the program.

When Staples learned that Pereira intended to return, it told him not to go into his store until the staff could first be notified.

Pereira agreed although he did not let Staples know where he could be found when he returned to Nanaimo a few days later.

Since it could not find him and still had not heard from him in a few days, Staples wrote to Pereira telling him that it "assumed" that he had abandoned his job.

Believing that he had been fired and that Staples would not reverse its decision, Pereira did not bother to contact Staples to dispute its assertion that he abandoned his job. Instead, he decided to get a lawyer.

At a recent appeal, Staples argued that the final letter it sent to Pereira called for his response if he truly intended to return to his job and because he just ignored it, he must not have cared. However, the court disagreed. It was unreasonable for Staples to conclude that Pereira did not want to return since he had been late for only a few days and because he previously expressed a desire to return to his job. Accordingly, Pereira did not abandon his job. Instead, he was wrongfully dismissed.

This finding has broad implications as employers struggle to address the difficult situation where an employee is deemed fit to return to work but he has not yet returned.

According to this case, assuming the employee no longer wants to return can be tantamount to a termination.

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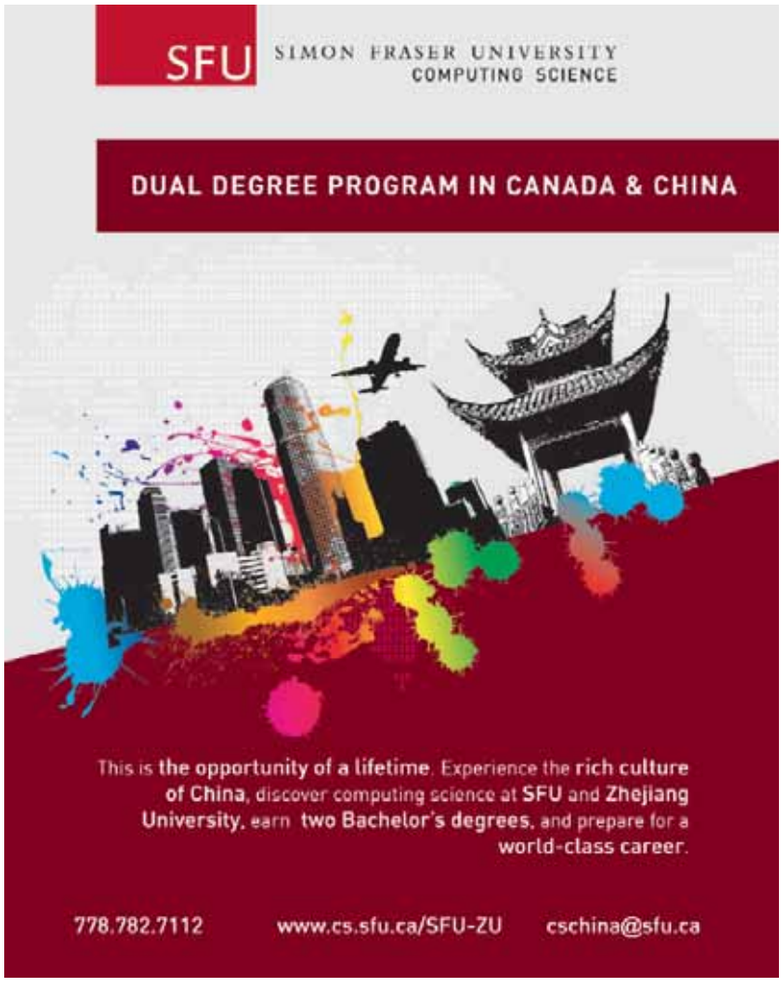
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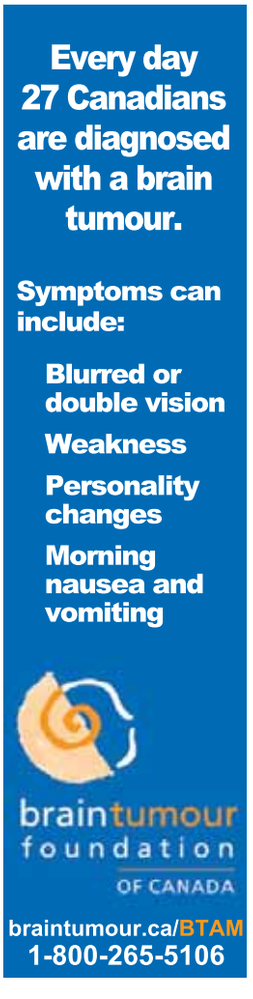

‘We all have to start somewhere’

STUDENT VOICE

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I graduated in 2006 from the Applied Communication Program at Camosun College in Victoria, B.C. It is a two-year program focusing on graphic design, journalism, broadcast radio, television and photography.

During my program, it seems so cliché to say that I worked hard, but I worked harder than I ever have before because I knew that once I left school with my two-year diploma, I’d probably have to be twice as employable as the graduate who held a degree.

My strategy from the first day of school was to focus on a marketing career. So even though I didn’t take a marketing program, all of the skills I was learning were directly applicable to any job within the marketing realm.

My passion has always been writing, but I did not want to specialize in anything and potentially pigeon-hole myself before I even landed my first job.

▶ Krystal Yee

So by opening up my skillset I felt like I could fit into whatever position was needed within a large marketing department, or I could be the go-to person within a smaller company.

Like most students, once I graduated, I had a huge pile of student loan and credit card debt to deal with. I knew I needed to get a job and eliminate my debt as fast as possible, so I kept my ear to the ground and started networking like crazy.

One day, I got word from a friend that there was an unadvertised opening for an entry-level clerk position within the provincial government. I wasn’t interested in being a clerk, but I decided to apply for the job anyway in order to practice my interview skills.

It turns out they were actually looking for someone with my kind of marketing skills — they just didn’t have the budget to have the position classified as anything higher than a clerk. It was the break that I had been waiting for. I snapped up the job on the spot and started the very next week.

It was also around that time that I started blogging online. I created my website, Give Me Back My Five Bucks (givemebackmyfivebucks.com), as a way to hold myself accountable for my debt, and to give myself an outlet for writing. It was because of my blog that I was able to eliminate all of my debt within 12 months.

Even though I only have a two-year diploma, I feel like I have been relatively successful in the last five years. I don’t have any remarkable skills, a huge network of influencers, or a lot of education to back me up but I’ve been able to succeed because of my hard work, determination, and the ability to create opportunities for myself.

When you are fresh out of school, all you need to focus on is getting your foot in the door. Normally, entry-level positions are not glamorous. In fact, it might not look anything like the dream job you’ve been imagining — but that’s OK! We all have to start somewhere. Do a good job with every task you are assigned, work hard, and be proactive in asking for more responsibility.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Krystal’s experience.

- Don’t refuse a job because it doesn’t sound like your dream job — it can lead you there.
- Finding a job in a competitive market means you have to stand out and work hard.
- Start thinking about your career even from your first year of university or college.

Where Krystal is now

I am currently living in Vancouver and working full-time in marketing for Mustang Survival Corporation – a company that manufactures and designs life jackets and cold water survival gear. I am also a freelance personal finance writer. I write a column called 20-something & Change at Moneyville.ca (a subsidiary of the Toronto Star), contribute weekly to Canadian Living and write on my own website, Give Me Back My Five Bucks.

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▶ Repeating information back to your superiors will show them that you are engaged and open, possibly allowing for a more in-depth conversation about your salary.

Whether you're in the process of accepting a new job or attempting to negotiate a raise at your current gig, asking for more money than what's on the table is inherently awkward. Plus, you're likely up against HR employees who have these talks all day, every day.

In his new book, Salary Tutor, Jim Hopkinson compiles advice from a number of pros — most notably, the FBI. What works for law enforcement interrogators could work for you: paraphrasing and repeating phrases, asking open-ended questions, identifying emotional triggers in the opposing party and initiating pauses in conversation to coerce new information.

Then again, it could also turn into a weird CSI: Miami outtake. We checked in with Hopkinson about making it work in the real world.

Why do so many people dread salary negotiations?

Discussing salary is often a taboo subject with friends and colleagues, so people are underprepared because it's a skill that many people are never taught. Whereas an HR professional has the proper training and might negotiate salaries several times per week, you might only negotiate salary a few times in your career.

The FBI techniques sound great on paper, but actually inviting a silent period goes against most people's instincts. Do you have any advice on how to handle that pause?

It can definitely be awkward at first, so the key is to practice. I once spent eight straight hours preparing for this 30-second conversation. That might sound like a lot, but considering that your yearly salary is at stake, and that Americans spend about five hours a day watching TV and 53 billion minutes a month on Facebook, it is time well spent.

What about repeating information makes HR employees bend to your will?

The key, as with any important discussion, is to show that you are actively listening and fully engaged. You show that you understand what is being offered, which ensures both parties that they are on the same page so that the negotiation can continue.

Before you accept a number, what should you be considering?

The bottom line is that it's not always about the money. Does the job have a good work/life balance? How is the commute? Will you be working with a great boss and co-workers? Most importantly, are you doing something you love? You should always consider these factors when evaluating the overall offer.

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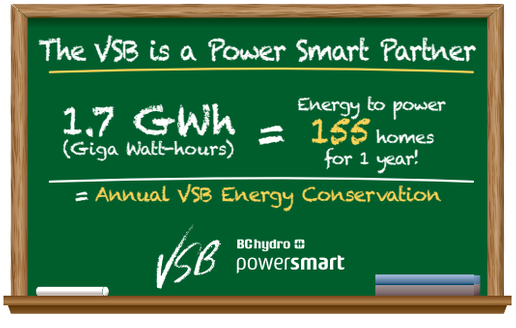
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▶ A scene from the cult TV series The Walking Dead. The show's second season kicks off on Sunday.

Zombie love is a no-brainer

Move over, vampires ◐ Zombies are everywhere and rising in popularity ◐ Soon to be kings of the undead

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Sparkly vampires are all the rage right now, but zombies are knocking their fellow legions of the undead from their pedestal.

From zombie walks being held in cities across the world to television shows, video games and numerous books hitting the stores, people's fascination with zombies is spreading like a plague.

"Zombies have the upper hand," says University of B.C. film studies professor Ernest Mathijs, whose specialities include horror and fantasy film.

"Zombies are a kind of ingredient you can add to any cultural product and make it look slightly different," he said. "It will turn it into a funny parody of contemporary cultures, and somehow that appeals to cultures across the globe."

The idea of zombies originally came from the voodoo culture in Haiti. The word "zombi" was used to describe a brainless slave labourer raised from the dead by a bokor, or sorcerer.

"If zombie narratives go further in investing zombies with some capacity for personality and depth of characterization, it will probably come closer to being a variance on vampire stories."
PROF. GISELE BAXTER, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The now-familiar modern zombie was popularized and turned into a phenomenon in 1968 by way of the unexpected popularity of director George Romero's low-budget horror classic Night of the Living Dead.

Gisele Baxter of UBC's English department, who specializes in gothic culture and post-apocalyptic fiction, says Romero's film took the horror genre one step further.

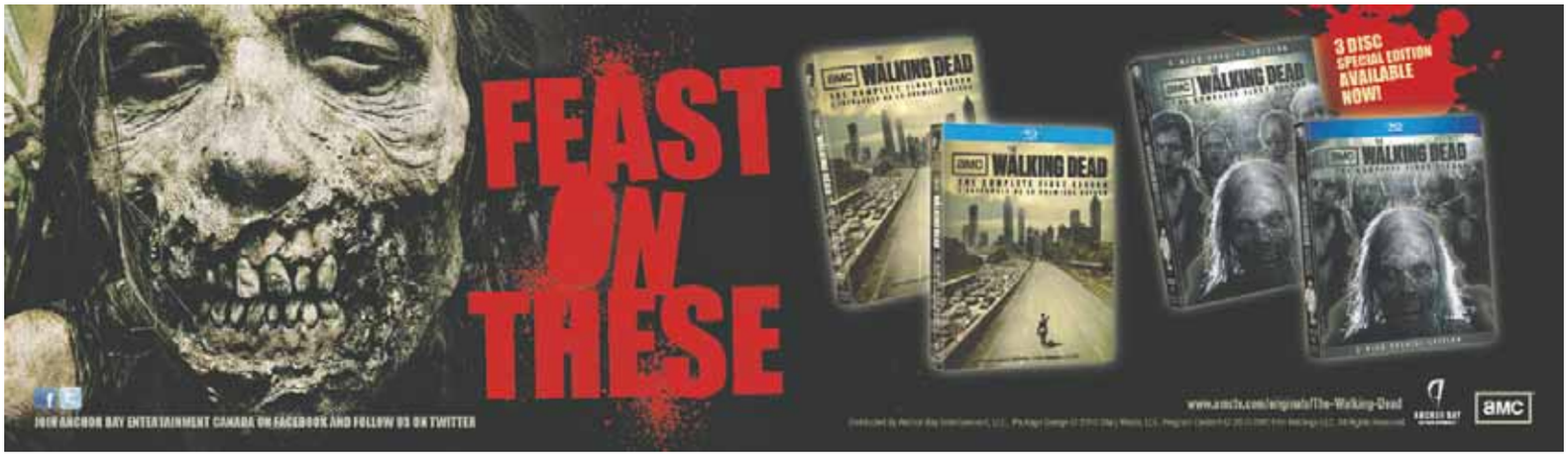
"Romero was influential in spawning everyday horror that doesn't deal with mad scientists or externalized threats, but deals with threats we associate with nightmares, personal threats and very primal fears," she says.

The audience identifies with zombie stories because people today are fascinated and fearful of the possibility of an apocalypse, widespread annihilation or a viral pandemic, Baxter says.

The metaphorical possibilities and themes inherent in zombie stories also appeal to modern filmmakers because they can experiment with notions of what people would do to survive in a kill-or-be-killed world,

Both Mathijs and Baxter have been fascinated by the emergence of new, creative ways of incorporating the zombie factor into popular culture. One recent innovation is the spoof novel Pride and Prejudice and Zombies, which is being adapted into a film.

"When you think of Pride and Prejudice, the last thing you think about is zombies," Baxter says. "The juxtaposition of these immensely different things really fascinated people. Then it spawned a lot of copycat titles, which is very impressive because people found the energy and imagination to do anything with these titles."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SURVIVE A ZOMBIE OUTBREAK

Just in case you happen to find yourself face-to-face with the undead, here's what you shouldn't do

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It's remarkable how the living dead have defined the post-millennium zeitgeist more than any other pop-culture entity.

From Max Brooks' best-selling novel World War Z (an upcoming film adaptation will star Brad Pitt) to a glut of first-person shooter videogames to mainstream television with AMC's The Walking Dead (now in its second season), the zombie has mysteriously reached the peak of his popularity.

But it's been a long, slow progression, a road littered with taboo and terror, and most of it can be traced back to the brain of one man, the master of zombie lore, George A. Romero.

It was Romero who, in 1968, took the basic thrust of Richard Matheson's shattering vampire apocalypse novel I Am Legend and brought the dead back to life with his game-changing black-and-white masterpiece Night of the Living Dead.

That film would spawn a series of rip-offs, sequels (Romero directed Dawn of the Dead in 1978 and followed that with four more Dead pictures; Dawn was remade in 2004) and eventually spoofs like Edgar Wright's smash-hit comedy Shaun of the Dead.

Look anywhere, look everywhere, and you'll see evidence of the zombie phenomenon surrounding us, trapping us, ready to eat us alive.

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▶ George Romero

And that is what's so spooky about the concept of the zombie. They're us, back from our final rest, hungry to devour the people we once loved. Zombies are ugly, grotesque shadows of their former selves. They smell bad, as all their parts have long soured. And they're lethally dumb, driven only by an instinct to kill.

Zombies are not nice, and if, by some sort of biologically bad stroke of viral luck, Romero's fantastical prophecies were to come true, if mankind were to suddenly be under siege from a revolution of the dead ... what would we do?

Or more importantly, what shouldn't we do?

Metro thought long and hard about this and, using commentary from George Romero and his frequent collaborator, iconic FX wizard, director and actor Tom Savini, we now offer you a selection of "do nots" in the face of a potential zombie-geddon.

Do not. Attempt to out-swim the dead

HANDOUT

▶ Land of the Dead

Zombies aren't bears. As a few unfortunate characters in Romero's 2010 horror-western Survival of the Dead discover, they aren't afraid of the water

When rogue SWAT cops go for a dip to escape the ghouls, they soon discover the dead — who, remember, don't breathe — are excellent swimmers and have no problem eating whilst underwater.

Romero: I had underwater zombie stuff in Land and Diary but really played with it here. There is a lot of humour in Survival, but it's also really melancholic, less free-and-easy. Though at this stage of my life, I'm thinking of calling the next one — if there is a next one — Enough of the Dead!

Savini: Forget swimming. I go where there are places to run and things to hide behind, maybe up high, where I can blast away at them and they can't get to me.

See also: Zombie (1979) the Italian Dawn ripoff that sees an underwater zom attack a shocked skinny dipper before doing titanic battle with a great white shark!

Do not. Take the elevator

In Romero's incredibly influential 1978 epic Dawn of the Dead, a handful of survivors land their helicopter on the roof of Pittsburgh's Monroeville Mall and block out the corpses, creating a Shangri-la of material bliss.

But when the ghouls gain entrance as they always do, chopper pilot Fly Boy (David Emge) stupidly takes the lift. And when those doors open up, a horde of flesheaters burst in and ride with him. The following scenes are gory and should serve as a warning to potential zombie survivalists to always take the stairs.

Romero: Dawn is a romp, and I think it's the most entertaining of all the Dead films. I really cut loose and did it as "comic book," as I wanted to do it. But when Fly Boy gets it there's tragedy in there too.

Savini: The other thing Dawn teaches you is that your friends should not know where the hell you're hiding, just in case they become zombies with good memories.

See also:: Resident Evil (2004), in which military types take an elevator to hell and encounter subterranean zombies of both human and canine persuasions.

Think you'd be the last one standing in a zombie uprising? Try our quiz at metronews.ca/zombies to find out how you'd fare.

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▶ Survival of the Dead

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Zombify your look for Halloween

Achieving a gory zombie look — complete with sunken eyes and rotting flesh — may seem daunting But professional makeup artist Dorota Buczel shows you how in five easy steps

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Do you want to look like you just stepped off the set of Night of the Living Dead this Halloween? You'll need: liquid latex, tissue paper or cotton balls, multi-colour makeup kit (white, black, green), fake blood, white powder or baby powder, tooth stain, charcoal powder, brushes and a sponge.

▶ Makeup artist Dorota Buczel with her creation.

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Step 1
Apply liquid latex over clean skin to create the effect of peeling skin and wounds. For a more dramatic effect, you can mix cotton or pieces of tissue paper with latex. Once the latex dries, start peeling the edges to get the desired effect.

Step 2
With a makeup sponge, add a grey or greenish crème make-up base to the entire face, neck and any other exposed skin. All areas of flesh must be covered in makeup. Pay close attention to the jawline, hairline and hands.

Step 3
Use the black or dark grey colour from the multi-colour makeup kit and apply shadows with a sponge or brush around the eyes and cheekbones to achieve a sunken-in look.

Step 4
Add fake blood for desired effect and apply tooth stain.

Step 5
To create wrinkles and creases, squint and pucker up your lips while you apply white powder around your eyes and lips with a sponge.

Vancouver's night of the walking dead

Annual Zombie Walk drawing more people every year ‘It's all about the fun,' says organizer Isaac Terpstra

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Six years ago, 400 people took to the streets of Vancouver dressed as the undead for the city's first annual Zombie Walk. Since then, the hair-raising event — which takes place in cities around the world — has taken on a life of its own.

In August, the event attracted 1,500 people.

Organizer Isaac Terpstra, who came as a DJ zombie with a giant boombox on his shoulder, said zombie walks appeal to people because they like being scared and dressing up.

There isn't really a reason for doing it, he added.

"It's not a protest or a movement; you just go out and have fun," Terpstra said. "It's such an easy theme. I think that's one of the appeals for it. All you need to do is go to McDonald's and grab a bag of ketchup and squirt some red stuff on you and you're a zombie."

The event attracts people of all ages, he added, because kids feel like its Halloween and older people love horror movies.

One of the other fun things about it is seeing the bewildered and scared faces of observers, Terpstra said.

"It doesn't seem to matter how well advertised it is, there's always people taken off guard by it," he said. "That's part of the fun. People get a little bit shocked at first, then they laugh and want to take pictures after."

Melody Young, who has attended Vancouver's Zombie Walk for five years, said she spent three hours to prepare for her head-to-toe zombie look.

"It's all worth it," she said.

Participant Jordan Boos said he loves seeing other people's costumes, especially the ones that go all out with the blood and gore.

Check out a zombie-walk photo gallery at metronews.ca/zombies

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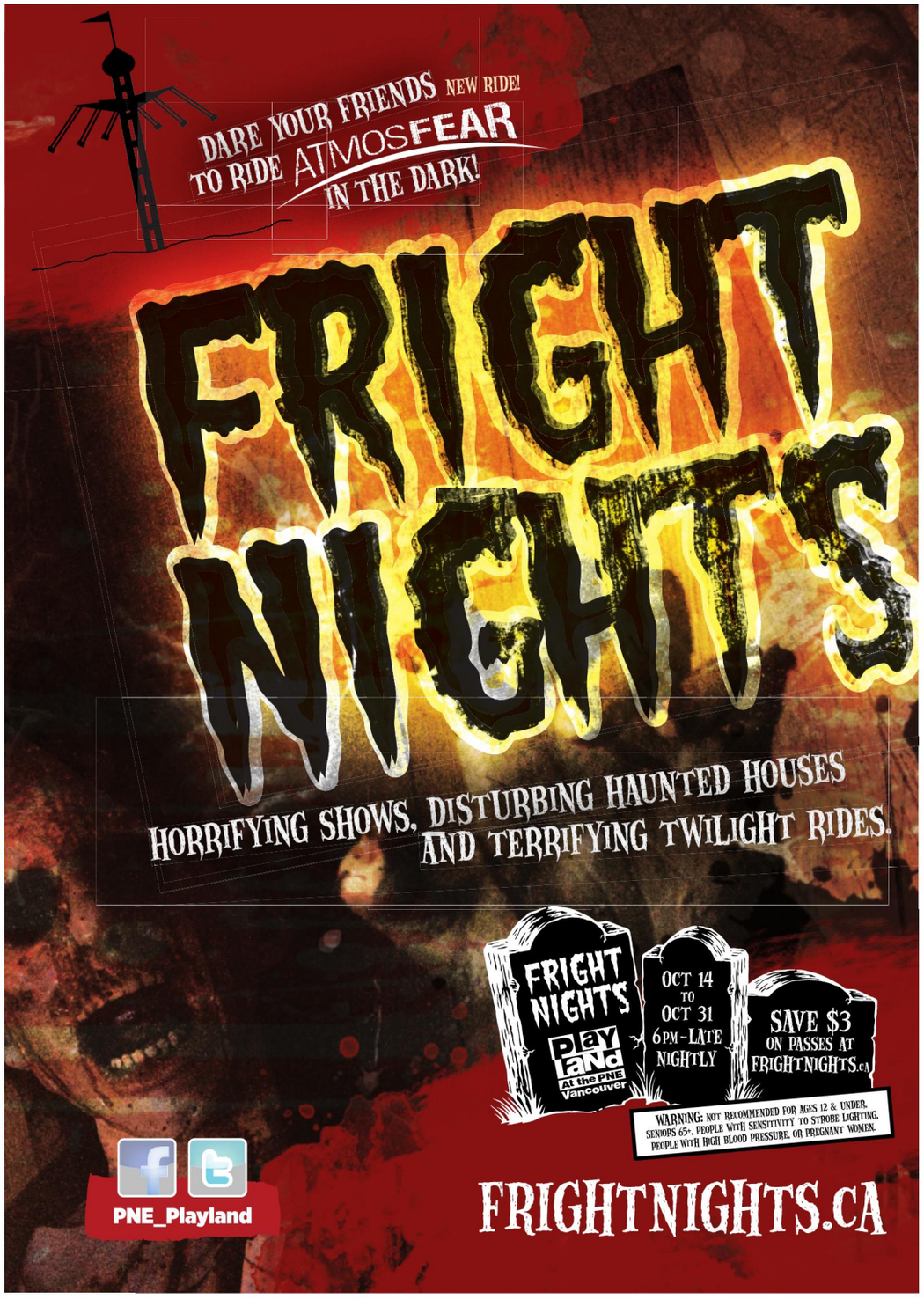
▶ Jordan Boos gets zombie-fied during the 2011 Vancouver Zombie Walk in August at the Vancouver Art Gallery.



ANATOMY OF A GHOUL

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Tigers show signs of life

Fister sharp, Cabrera comes through as Detroit beats Texas

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Doug Fister delivered another strong start in a game Detroit needed and Miguel Cabrera homered and hit a tiebreaking double to lead the Tigers past the Texas Rangers 5-2 last night in Game 3 of the AL championship series.

Detroit dropped the first two games in Texas before turning to Fister, who won the decisive fifth game of the division series at Yankee Stadium last week. He was sharp again, allowing two runs and seven hits with no walks in 7⅓ innings.

Jose Valverde, after pitching a season-high two innings the day before, worked around a leadoff double in the ninth for his third playoff save. He got some help from Cabrera, who made a diving play at first base.

Game 4 is this afternoon. Matt Harrison starts for Texas against Rick Porcello — both went 14-9 this season.

Cabrera's double in the fifth put the Tigers ahead 2-1 and he added a towering solo homer in the seventh.

Victor Martinez and Jhonny Peralta also went deep for the Tigers. Austin Jackson broke out of his post-season slump with three hits, including an RBI single.

Texas right-hander Colby Lewis, who entered 4-0 in five post-season starts, allowed four runs and eight hits in 5⅔ innings. He struck out six and walked two.

Stung by Nelson Cruz's game-ending grand slam Monday, the Tigers returned home hoping to shake out of their offensive funk. They fell behind 1-0 when Fister allowed three consecutive singles to start the game, but the six-foot-eight right-hander held the Rangers in check after that, even striking out Cruz to end the seventh as the towel-waving crowd at Comerica Park roared its approval.

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▶ Victor Martinez reacts to hitting a solo home run in the fourth inning.

Caps consider keeping things au naturel

The Vancouver Whitecaps are willing to leave the roof open at B.C. Place Stadium rain or shine for Major League Soccer games.

Their only concern is keeping their fans dry.

The Whitecaps (5-16-10) host D.C. United (9-10-11) tonight for the second-to-last home game of their inaugural MLS season. The team still hasn't decided if it will open or close the stadium's retractable roof.

The forecast is for clouds and a 40 per cent chance of showers.

"We are leaving ourselves the option," Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi said yesterday.

"If it's possible we would prefer the roof open."

JEFF VINNICK/GETTY IMAGES

"We would like to provide the open-air experience as much as we can. We need to figure out what happens if we open the roof and it is raining. Do people get wet?"

BOB LENARDUZZI, WHITECAPS PRESIDENT

The roof was open when the Whitecaps lost 1-0 to the Portland Timbers in their first game back at B.C. Place on Oct. 2. That game was played on a warm, sunny afternoon.

The retractable roof was the cornerstone of the $563 million in renovations done to B.C. Place. When opened, the hole in the roof is about the size of the playing field.

Lenarduzzi has no problem with the players getting wet on days when it rains.

"Our preference is that it's open," he said. "Soccer is traditionally an outdoor sport."

What the Whitecaps don't know yet is if fans will be fully protected.

"We need to find out what happens when it rains," he said. "Are the people in the front row going to get wet or how far up are they getting wet?

"It's a bit of a trial and error for us right now."

Wally Buono, the coach and general manager of the B.C. Lions, wants his team dry and warm.

"My personal preference, unless it's sunny, warm and in the afternoon, I prefer the stadium closed," he said.

Some fans still went home wet even though the roof was closed when rain fell during Saturday night's CFL game against the Calgary Stampeders.

Isolated drips fell on about 10 people in the crowd of 30,000 watching the game.

Officials with the B.C. Pavilion Corp, the Crown corporation that runs the stadium, blamed the leaks on temporary seals that are in place on the roof.

About 45 workers continue to work on the roof in two shifts a day to install the permanent seals. Officials estimate it could take eight to 10 full days of good weather to finish installing the seals

Lenarduzzi said the Whitecaps will experiment with the roof during their final two homes games this year and possibly the first few games of next year.

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"It's the same as usual — I feel good. It went good today and I'm excited to be home."

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Longer and wider

Kia's California-based stylists really sharpened their pencils (or computer programs) in designing the new Rio duo and devised a larger canvas on which to do it.

Both the sedan and hatchback 5-Door are a bit longer and wider than their predecessors and the distance between their front and rear wheels has grown by a leg-stretching three inches.

The sheetmetal is now much more pleasing, especially on the slinkier hatch that has its own grille, bumper and, of course, rear door.

Idle Stop and Go

The powerplant's claim to fame is the adoption of what Kia calls Idle Stop and Go (ISG). This feature, available only in combination with the automatic transmission, shuts down the engine when the Rio comes to a complete stop, then instantly fires it up again when the brake pedal is released.

ISG is part of an optional Eco Dynamics Package that includes a special alternator that disengages under high engine load (such as when heading up a hill) to reduce power-sapping drag and improve fuel economy.

Engine

The Rio's power output has been significantly increased. The 1.6-litre four-cylinder produces 138 horses and 123 pound-feet of torque. That's a gain of 28 horses and 16 pound-feet of torque compared to the outgoing 1.6, which is significant on a 1,135-kilogram vehicle.

The lighter-by-13 kilograms engine is connected to a six-speed manual transmission or an optional six-speed automatic.

▶ Kia has done a good job of creating a sedan that doesn't look droopy at the ends. From this angle, you can also see that the headlights stretch up the front fender more than half way. Remember when headlights used to be on the front of a car?

Kia Rio: Good things come in small packages

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It can now be carved in stone with absolute certainty that the dumbed-down, stripped-bare small-car era is officially over. And we have cars such as the 2012 Kia Rio to thank for pushing high-tech and comfort features down to the lowest limb on the automotive tree.

The all-new Rio sedan and Rio 5-Door hatchback bear little resemblance to their predecessors that took a minimalist approach and backed it up with styling and features that defined utilitarian.

But, hey, that worked for the Rio and its Hyundai Accent relation (Hyundai owns Kia), as well as for just about every other entry-level car on the planet.

It's amazing what a little bar-raising competition has done for what was once the low-rent category. Nowadays, the market is teeming with really decent base rides, including the Ford Fiesta, Toyota Yaris, Mazda2, Honda Fit, Nissan Versa and the upcoming Chevrolet Sonic, to name some of the class leaders.

At a base price of $15,650 for the hatchback (pricing for the sedan hasn't been set yet), the Rio models appear to have established category benchmarks for fashion and substance that will be hard to top, but easy for small-car shoppers to swallow.

Kia Rio

What you should know about the 2012 Kia Rio/Rio 5-Door:

- **Types:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact sedan/hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.6-litre DOHC I4 (138).
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A sensible alternative to most coupes

SECOND GEAR

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2007 to 2011 Volkswagen Eos

A convertible four-seater designed for year-round use, the Volkswagen Eos featured a sleek coupe body capped by a hard-top motorized roof and sunroof assembly — allowing owners to take in the sun and fresh air even on colder days.

An affordable but upscale model, the VW Eos featured navigation, parking radar, Bluetooth, premium audio, xenon lighting, heated leather seating and more.

A long list of safety equipment was also standard.

Engine

All Eos models got a two-litre four-cylinder turbo engine with 200 horsepower. Transmission choices included a six-speed manual and a six-speed Direct-Shift Gearbox (DSG) with paddle shift.

What owners like

Eos's quick-acting top mechanism, nicely-trimmed cabin, fun-to-drive attitude and an overall sporty and refined character is popular with owners. Most of these note that interior space up front is generous given the overall size of the car.

What owners dislike

Eos owners typically wish for more back seat space, better rearward visibility, and more storage space for smaller, at-hand items within the cabin. Limited trunk space is also an issue with some owners.

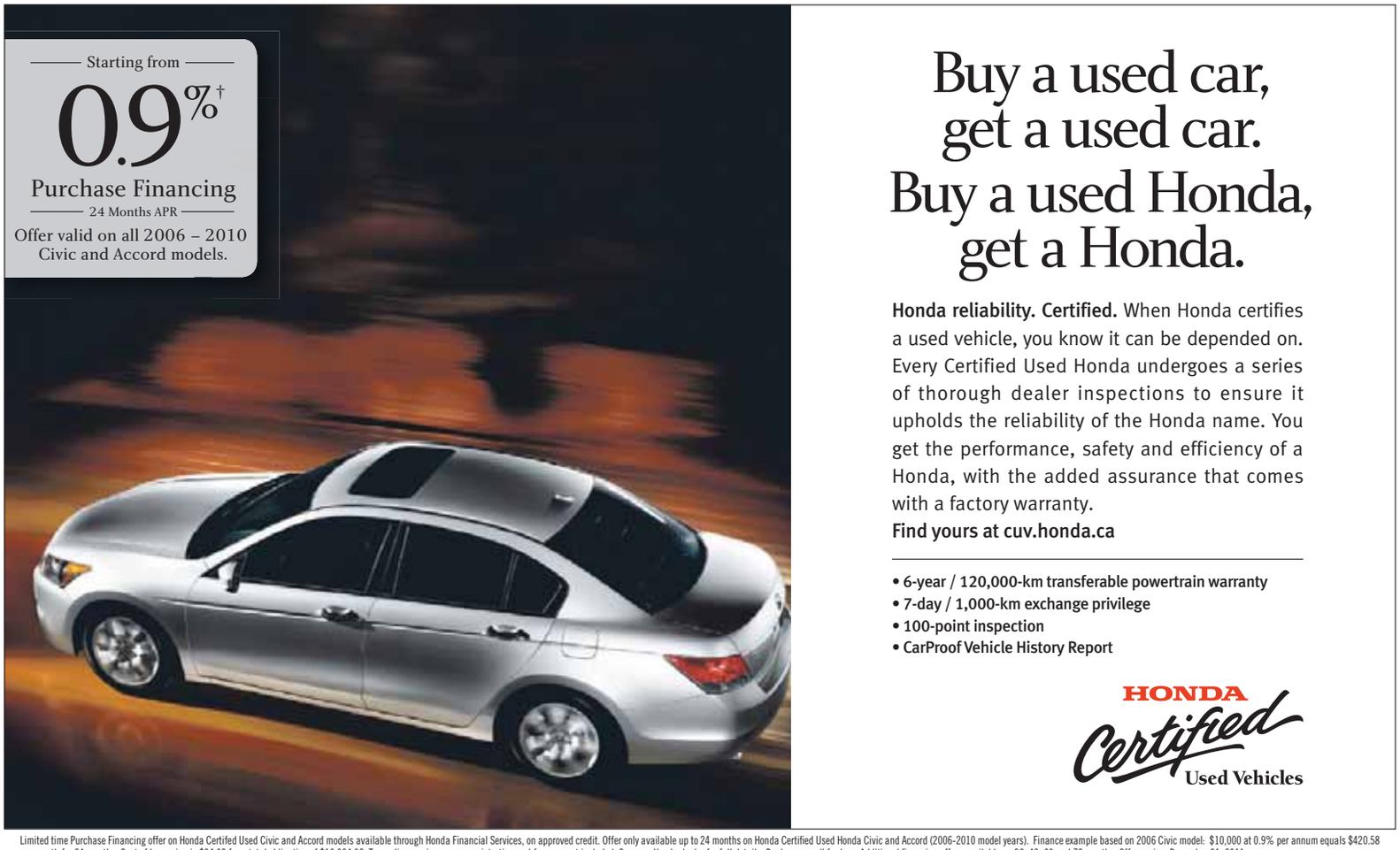
Common issues

Start a test-drive of a potential used Eos by looking for water leaks. Many Eos owners have reported some level of water leakage through the convertible top, so check carpeting, the roof panels and the roof storage area for signs of water damage or dampness.

All on-board electronics should also be tested for proper performance. Note that a rough idle, hesitation, or a check-engine light could be caused by glitch ignition-system parts.

Verdict

Consider the Eos a roomier and more sensible alternative to machines like a Mazda MX-5 or Saturn Sky in the used market — thanks to its back seat and the year-round driving confidence of front-wheel drive.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FUEL EFFICIENCY FACES INTRIGUING PARADOX

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We instinctively equate fuel efficiency with fuel conservation, but they are completely different concepts. If fact, fuel efficiency can actually lead to more fuel consumption.

CONTRIBUTED

▶ The Chevrolet Sonic

This disturbing notion was first documented in a scholarly way, back in 1865, by the British economist, W. Stanley Jevons.

He argued that the technological improvements, which increased the amount of energy one could extract out of a certain amount of coal, actually led to more coal use, not less. The notion has since been known as the Jevons Paradox.

I had my own Jevons Paradox moment this past weekend. I made an extra run to my ancestral bungalow, 100 kilometres away, mostly because I had access to a very efficient vehicle — the cute and zippy Chevrolet Sonic.

With the Sonic's highway fuel consumption rating of 5.1 L/100 km, the 200 km round trip burned up about 11 litres of regular, at $1.22 per, for an estimated expenditure of about 13 bucks.

If my only vehicle option had been my '67 Jaguar E-type, I wouldn't have went, because the round trip would have cost me about $35 in premium fuel, about $2 in heavy weight engine oil, and about a day or two off my life expectancy, due to the physical and emotional stress of watching the Jaguar's coolant temperature gauge flirting with disaster for two solid hours. But I did have the Sonic, so I went. Net result: I used 11 "more" litres of gasoline than I would have, had I been Sonic-less.

We take more car trips and drive more annual kilometres than we did 40 years ago, and that means we consume more gasoline than we did 40 years ago, even factoring in the fantastic fuel efficiency gains we've made over the same period.

Now, we're contributing significantly less greenhouse gases per vehicle trip, because the vehicles run a lot cleaner, so that's something.

But if we collectively think we'll fix everything by chipping away at the fuel numbers, we won't, because the more fuel-efficient vehicles become, the cheaper it becomes to consume fuel. We're on a path to efficiently consume more and more fuel.

Economists, especially those with a free market bent, tell us there is one, sure-fire way to change consumer behaviour — the brute force of high price.

But do we want a world where fuel prices are so high only the rich get to drive? I say, "nay."

Actually I would say, "nay, nay, really nay." I guess we could also allocate fuel via a voucher system, as used by post-war Britain for many years.

What would really help, however, is if someone came up with a new paradox, one that would be easier to get your head around than Jevons Paradox, and where the outcome would always be awesome.

That's your assignment for this week. No extensions.

Rising numbers

Canadian Gasoline Sales

- 2000: 36.3 billion litres
- 2001: 36.6 billion litres
- 2002: 37.9 billion litres
- 2003: 38.4 billion litres
- 2004: 38.9 billion litres
- 2005: 38.5 billion litres
- 2006: 38.7 billion litres
- 2007: 39.6 billion litres
- 2008: 39.1 billion litres
- 2009: 39.7 billion litres
- 2010: 40.6 billion litres

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DRIVING FORCE

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All automakers are working to make their vehicles more environmentally-friendly, but sustainability involves all aspects of the auto industry. That's why Honda designed its new headquarters in Markham, Ont., to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards.

"It took us three years to build and move in," says Barry Holt, Honda's vice-president of finance and information services.

"To date, Honda has 11 LEED-certified facilities (in North America), and this is the only one in Canada."

The Honda head office "campus" consists of three buildings — offices, parts warehouse and a technical centre — on 54 acres of land. It recently was awarded Gold status by LEED.

It's not just enough to incorporate recycled materials or reduce the construction trash that goes to landfills, although Honda did that.

It started well before the first shovel went into the ground with habitat preservation, since the complex was built on a farmer's field. This meant ensuring that forests or ponds didn't have to be taken out. A large portion of the property has been given over to green space, and some 1,000 trees, 5,000 shrubs and 2,700 perennials have been planted.

$100M

Honda's new Canadian headquarters campus, located in Markham, Ont., represents a $100 million investment in the land and buildings.

Water is always a key issue with sustainability, and the Honda building uses a storm water system that collects rainwater and stores it in an underground cistern for irrigation.

Throughout its first summer, an especially hot and dry one, the company kept its green stuff growing without using any city water.

Run-off from the large parking lots is funnelled into bio-filters, which use rocks and paper filters in the ground.

The buildings have white roofs to reduce air conditioning use; heating and cooling vents run in the floors rather than overhead, which save energy; rooms are equipped with motion sensors to turn off lights when not needed; and low-flow toilets and faucets reduce water use.

The company has achieved a 44 per cent water saving and 32 per cent energy consumption saving over the LEED baseline.

Part of this comes from designing the building with a north-south orientation, large windows and open floor spaces where natural light coming in through the glass reduces the amount of artificial light required.

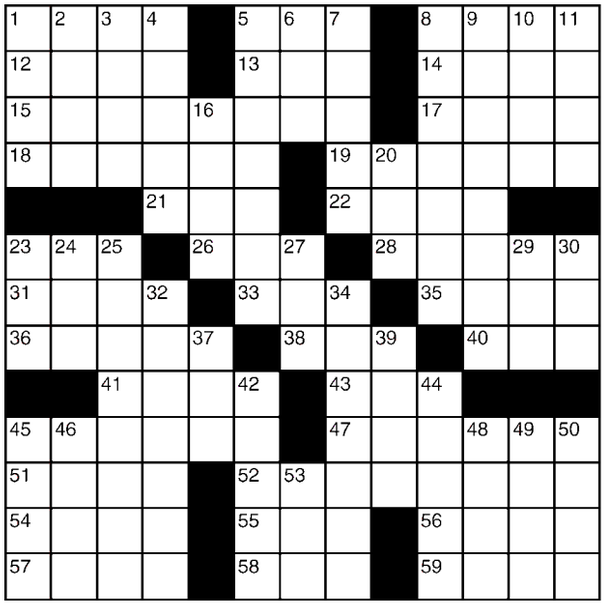
"We even use 'green' cleaning products such as soaps and solvents," Holt says.

"There are 30 bicycle spots and showers for employees who bike to work, along with hybrid vehicles in the office fleet. It's a tangible demonstration of our ongoing commitment to the environment."

Solar power

▶ Honda is experimenting with solar panels at its head office; the panels are from Soltec, a Japanese company that Honda owns. While the system is still under testing, the campus was built to be ready for solar power when it's available.

Crossword



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1 Pond film
5 — constrictor
8 Touch
12 Earthenware pot
13 Also
14 California wine valley
15 Imposed a penalty on
17 Soon, in verse
18 Dive of a sort
19 Rickrack
21 Health resort
22 Actress Diana
23 Vacationing
26 Can material
28 Western border lake
31 Eye part
33 Apprehend
35 Simple
36 Hermit, e.g.
38 Standard
40 Lair
41 Mid-month date
43 Shrill bark
45 "— Street"
47 Nervous
51 Genuine (Ger.)
52 Disappeared
54 Genealogy chart
55 Storm center
56 Sound quality
57 Lather
58 Trawler need
59 Luke Wilson's brother

Down

1 Former frosh
2 Hint
3 Arm bone
4 "The Mikado" trio
5 Persian Gulf country
6 Inseparable
7 Tossed into the mix
8 Turn of a phrase?
9 Ostracized
10 "Once — a time"
11 Piquancy
16 Calendar abbr.
20 Period
23 Lubricant
24 To and —
25 Done
27 Siesta
29 Raw rock
30 Still, in verse
32 Tranquilizes
34 Rifle attachment
37 Sleep phenom
39 Eastern princess
42 Most common dice roll
44 Green pasta sauce
45 Collections
46 Beige
48 Indian Ocean vessel
49 Wilder or Hackman
50 Paradise
53 Sailor's assent

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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			2					6
	8							1
9							3	8
	2	8	6		4	1	7	
6	1							2
5							4	
8					7			
			1	3	5		6	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	5	3	9	4	8	7	6	1
7	4	8	1	5	6	3	2	9
1	9	6	3	2	7	5	4	8
9	2	5	4	6	1	8	3	7
4	3	7	8	9	2	6	1	5
8	6	1	5	7	3	2	9	4
3	7	4	6	1	5	9	8	2
6	1	2	7	8	9	4	5	3
5	8	9	2	3	4	1	7	6

Send a KISS

You can now post your kiss, and read even more kisses, online at metronews.ca/kiss.

Kate, I am so glad that we are finally engaged and planning to get married in 6 months. I feel lucky that finally I found my soulmate. You are the best thing ever happened to me. **JEFF**

Natalie, long drive home...nothing to worry..good surfing,,good hiking...good time...just missing you bit.. **ADAM**

Dear "Dolphin Wink" Sorry, dear! I thought you r in trouble with ur job. You r right, probably some others person's word &it "s confused us again. Some story was so similar I thought it's "you"& I've given too much advice, I couldn't believe though. Anyways, glad to hear that you r doing great. I'm happy with my job n everything. Thanks for your concern. Be happy, good luck. **SMILE**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Today's full moon in your sign will motivate you to act quickly and decisively, but don't go too far.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Like everyone else, you have secrets. But there is one secret that will become public today. Own it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Don't keep your feelings to yourself today — let everyone know what is going on inside your heart.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Be careful how you come across to today. The full moon warns not everyone will see your humour.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Let someone you are attracted to know that you think they are special.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You will get more done if you take a gentler, less confrontational approach. Imagine how others feel.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You may be an open-minded person but today, protect yourself from other people's negative emotions.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If you are going to make progress on a project of some kind, you first need to stop thinking you can do it alone. Seek help.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Today's full moon in Aries will encourage you to take the kind of risk that most people would avoid.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 The less you reveal about your plans over the next two or three days, the better.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You may be tempted to cut corners and bend rules today but you really don't need to.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. There's a chance an employer will try to cheat you out of what is rightfully yours. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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